

HIGGINSVILLE HOME SENSATION.

UGLY CHARGES MADE AGAINST EX-SUPT. CASSELL.

MADE BY LIBRARIAN SPENCER.

The Board Took No Action and Many Friends Defended Cassell and His Administration.

Special to the Post-Dispatch: EX-CONFEDERATE HOME, HIGGINSVILLE, Mo., May 6.—In accordance with a bill passed by the Thirty-ninth General Assembly, the Missouri Ex-Confederate Home is now an eleemosynary institution under State control.

For two days the recently appointed State Board of Managers was in session here electing new officers for the home and completing the details preliminary to formal transfer of the property to the State.

The proceedings at the board meeting were tinged with sensation. J. M. Spencer, Librarian of the home, appeared before the board and preferred charges against Capt. T. W. Cassell, ex-Supt. of the home, who had been Superintendent of the institution for the last four years. Librarian Spencer boldly stated that Supt. Cassell had been guilty of cruelty and harshness to the inmates of the home. He alleged specifically that it had been the custom of the Superintendent to use insulting language in addressing the visitors, and the substance of his charges was that Cassell had been guilty of cruelty and harshness to the inmates of the home. He alleged specifically that it had been the custom of the Superintendent to use insulting language in addressing the visitors, and the substance of his charges was that Cassell had been guilty of cruelty and harshness to the inmates of the home.

"I witnessed this inhuman act," Librarian Spencer exclaimed.

Superintendent Cassell was present while Spencer gave testimony. He remained calm throughout the ordeal. Librarian Spencer is above the average in point of intelligence and his ready command of language enables him to give vent to many caustic utterances. In minute detail he enumerated what he termed the many faults of Supt. Cassell, the substance of which was a recital of instances wherein extremely harsh language had been used.

Librarian Spencer is a tall, sparely built Virginian, with keen eyes and a typical Southern idea of courtesy, honor and retaliation. Near the close of his testimony, there was a highly sensational scene. Pointing his long, tapering forefinger at Supt. Cassell, Spencer exclaimed in a manner most dramatic:

"A member of this honorable board has credited Supt. Cassell with great bravery. In the name of God, what is bravery? On the battlefield I never saw a brave commander oppose a prisoner or give vent to a fellow soldier. Bravery! Bravery! What bravery?"

There was a fierce gleam in Spencer's eyes and his lips were ashy pale as he retired from the presence of the Board of Managers.

Supt. Cassell very calmly stated that he was not aware of any having mistreated any of the inmates. His action toward the veterans had always been prompted by humane consideration and he regretted that no more firm than was absolutely essential to proper discipline.

Dr. J. J. Fulkerson, the Home surgeon, who is one of the most prominent physicians in this section of the State, testified on behalf of Supt. Cassell. In his capacity as physician he had opportunity to know the inmates intimately, and he knew of no instances of wrong doing on the part of the Superintendent. He declared that the inmates of some of the veterans might cause them to fancy grievances that in reality were nothing but myths.

Frank Lupton, the old man who was expelled from the home, or who left of his own volition, as the case may be, was questioned by the members of the board. He substantially corroborated the story told by Spencer. The unfortunate Lupton is now living around Higginsville.

T. L. Rouslin, an inmate, appeared before the board and testified very favorably to the Superintendent. He was thoroughly informed as to the inside affairs of the home, he said, and he had no just reason for complaint. He said he was very much impressed with the belief that Supt. Cassell has been a humane Superintendent during his administration, and that he is a good man in general.

The board took no action relative to the charges against Supt. Cassell, but being doubtful among some of the members as to whether he deserved censure, while others openly proclaimed the belief that Supt. Cassell was innocent, the board adjourned until the institution depended upon the liberality of the public for support. With all of these trials, Supt. Cassell is in a high state of year and the ink of cowbills gives just enough rural tinge to make the place an inviting retreat.

But Higginsville is a city of business, as well as a city of pretty homes. It is the center of 400 acres of coal, has electric lights, a waterworks, one of the finest city hall buildings in the State outside of the large cities, two up-to-date newspapers, 10 railroads, a branch court-house, a division of the Circuit Court, besides many other evidences of commercial progress.

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Barr's

Our May Sale Is Booming. Friday's Quotations Will Keep Up the Interest. Every Department Is Full of May Bargains.

Millinery.

500 dozen Children's Trimmed Hats, in white, for to-day's sale, each **50¢**
150 dozen Check Caps, in white and linen colors, elegant goods, at **25¢**
Hundreds of elegant Hats for children, of every kind and variety, will be sold cheap to-morrow (Friday).
25 dozen Lace and Straw Braid Hats for children—something new—from (each) **\$1.75 to \$3.98**

Ladies' Three for 25c.

Linen. No better quality made, the correct style of turn-over collars, all sizes, regular 20c goods; we came across a big lot of them and bought them for a Friday bargain offering.
Lace and Embroidery Collars. The 7c kind Lace Collars go Friday at **25c**
Linen Collars go at **50c**
\$1.00 quality pretty white Embroidered Collars **75c**

A Black Lace Special.

At 10c Yard.
One thousand yards of Black Silk, size to the quart, to 4 inches wide, worth 20c and 25c.
Friday Price 10c Yard.

Large Household Sponges.

Worth 25c; At 7c.

The Celebrated Dangler Gasoline Stove.

2 burners, worth \$6.00; Monday **\$2.10.**

Cladd's Ice Cream Dish.

size to the quart, worth 80c; Monday **25c.**

1,000 Vienna China Clogs.

richly decorated, best movements, guaranteed perfect timepieces, worth \$8.00; Monday **\$1.30.**

Barr's Standard Lawn Mower.

run easy, 12-in. size, worth \$1.80; Monday **\$1.00.**

Large size Chamois.

worth 75c; For Friday **35¢**

10-inch Feather Dusters.

worth 25c; For Friday **9¢**

Hissel's Grand Rapid Carpet Sweepers.

with cyco bearings **\$3.00**

The Boss Furniture Polish.

large bottles **25¢**

Polishine.

for cleaning metals **25¢**

Patent Self-Wringing Floor Mop.

For Friday **17¢**

Large size, solid back Scrub Brushes.

worth 10c—For Friday **5¢**

Large size 3-string Parlor Brooms.

25c—For Friday **9¢**

Additional Bargains from the Morris Stock of

Men's Furnishings.

Those who found it so crowded Monday that they could not get waited upon will have another opportunity Friday morning, with perhaps a little advantage in the way of still further reduced prices, thus:

Men's Unbleached Balbriggan Half-Hose, Morris' price, 25c; Barr's Price, 15c.
Men's Black and Colored Half-Hose, with fancy embroidery, Morris' price, 60c; Barr's price, 35c.
Men's Fancy Silk String Ties, Morris' price, 25c; Barr's price, 15c.
Men's very fine quality Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, Morris' price, \$1.25; Barr's price, 75c.
Men's fancy-trimmed Nightshirts, Morris' price, 75c; Barr's price, 50c.
Men's fancy Vests, Morris' price, \$1.00; Barr's price, \$1.00.
Men's French Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, extra fine quality—Barr's 75c kind—will go for 50c to-morrow.

Heavy Weight Linen and Duck Suits.

We've given over part of the counter space usually devoted to clothes and flannels to the Summer Weight Crashes and Ducks so popular for summer gowns, and have

Just received 150 pieces Georgia Duck Cloth in black and white, blue and white checks in 3 different styles, for Friday only 10c per yard.
Our well-known plaid, dust-proof, Covert cloth, splendid for Ecycle Suits and Separate Skirts, for Friday only 12-25c per yard.
50 dozen Ladies' full-size Domet Shaker Flannel Skirt Patterns in cream, baby blue and pink, with fancy bordering, for Friday only 10c per pattern.
Bicycle Suits in a great variety at reduced prices.
Sole agents for the Turner Flannel in gray and navy-blue.

White Enamelled Steel Preserving Kettles.

5 and 10 gallon sizes, worth \$1.00; Monday **19c.**

Twined Wire Picture Racks.

in a box, worth 10c; Monday **5c.**

Perforated Toilet Paper.

2 rolls for 5c.

Carpet Tacks.

6c to 10c; 4 boxes for 5c.

Geneva Polishing.

any size; 3c a lb.

Double Burner Handy Stove.

worth \$1.50; Monday **95c.**

Silver's Patent Fruit Press.

worth \$1.00; Monday **19c.**

Proctor & Gamble Lenox Laundry Soap.

3 cakes for 7c.

Wrought Iron Hinges.

3-inch size, worth 10c; Monday **3c** pair.

50 feet Cotton Braided Clothes Line.

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Hosiery.

More than half has been dropped from the price of

Women's Bicycle Tan Color Tights, heavy and light weight, regular retail price \$1.35, \$1.50; to close the lot **50¢**

Women's Ecu and White Ribbed Balbriggan Vests, low neck, short sleeves; also a lot of Women's White Gauze Vests, low neck, short sleeves, cut from 25c. Your choice **12¢**

Another big drive in Women's Ecu and White Ribbed Balbriggan Vests, low neck, sleeveless, silk tapes, good value at 25c; Sale Price **17¢**

23c is regular price of this lot of Children's Vests, high neck, short sleeves; Barr's price as long they last; broken sizes **10¢**

Children's Oxblood, Tan and Black Ribbed Cotton Stockings, double knees, spliced toes and heels, worth 35c, 40c; during this sale **25¢**

Barr's will sell Boys' Black Ribbed Cotton Hose, Empire Style, extra strong, with spliced knees, 2-2 rib, and good value at 15c. During this sale, per pair **10¢**

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